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DR. BENNETT TO HEAD WILDLIFE RESEARCH BRANCH

The promotion of Dr. Logan J. Bennett to the position of Chief of the Fish and Wildlife Service's Branch of Wildlife Research was announced today by Albert M. Day, Director of the Service.

Dr. Bennett succeeds Dr. Gustav A. Swanson who resigned recently to become head of a new Department of Conservation at Cornell University.

Dr. Bennett, who became Chief of the Section of Cooperative Wildlife Research Units on December 1, 1947, has been with the Fish and Wildlife Service since July 1935 when he became junior refuge manager on the Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge in Wisconsin. In September 1935 he became leader of the Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at Iowa State College, at Ames.

On March 1, 1938, Dr. Bennett was promoted to head the Cooperative Unit at Pennsylvania State College which carried greater responsibilities because of the complicated character of the problems involved in a region divided between farm wildlife and forest wildlife.

On July 15, 1943, Dr. Bennett was furloughed for military service in the Navy, with the rank of lieutenant. He served as officer in charge of a malaria control unit. After being released from Navy duty, he returned to his position at State College, Pa., on December 16, 1945.

Dr. Bennett was born in Festus, Mo., on August 29, 1907. He received his B. S. in Biology at Central College, Fayette, Mo., in 1930; his M. S. in Zoology from Iowa State College in 1932; and his Ph.D. from the same institution in 1937. He is a member of such scientific societies as American Ornithologists Union, Wilson Club, American Society of Mammalogists, and The Wildlife Society, of which he is a past president. He also belongs to the Outdoor Writers Association of America and the National Rifle Association.

Dr. Bennett is the author of numerous scientific papers and popular articles on wildlife management subjects. He is the author of the book, The Blue-Winged Teal, published in 1938, and the recently announced book, Training Grouse and Woodcock Dogs.

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